

**Council Sidewalk Committee Recommendations for 2004
Regarding Use of Alternative Transportation Funds
(September 22, 2004)**

Sidewalk Linkage Projects Recommended for Funding in 2004

Sidewalk on East 10th Street from Grandview to Belle Trace

This 350-foot sidewalk on East 10th Street was awarded funds in 2003. That year the City expended money to acquire some right-of-way, but did not encumber funds for the construction of the side walk. The Committee recommends using any available unspent funds from prior years for this purpose.

Cost: \$45,000

Sidewalk on Nancy Street from Ruby Lane to Marilyn Drive (west side)

This project would continue the Near South East Sidewalk Initiative from where it stops on Ruby Lane one block south to Marilyn Drive. A further sidewalk for one block on Marilyn Drive and another sidewalk for one block on Southdowns Drive between Jordan Avenue and Mitchell Street would complete the missing links along this Green Ways route.

Cost: \$45,000

Jefferson Street from 7th to 8th Street (east side)

This project begins work on one of the two sidewalk / storm water projects the Committee has considered for Green Acres. These projects are on East 5th Street (from the deadend east of Overhill to Union Street) and on Jefferson Street (from 3rd to 10th streets). Approximately, \$56,000 has been invested in side walk and storm water design for these two projects, which can be constructed in phases, but have not received the necessary storm water funding. This project would construct one block at the northern end of Jefferson that does not require extensive storm water work.

Cost: \$64,700

Renwick Related Projects

The next two projects were proposed as a result of the recently approved Renwick PUD, which offers a plan for the development of Ramsey Farm. These projects would provide a portion of the sidewalks along:

Winfield Road from Fair Oaks Lane to the Existing Sidewalk South of Rechter Road (east side) - Winfield Road is directly north of the proposed roundabout on Moores Pike, which will serve as the single northern vehicular access point for the Renwick PUD. Wininger/Stolberg will install some sidewalks north of the PUD and has agreed to contribute the cost of materials for the sidewalk on Winfield Road between Fair Oaks Lane to the existing sidewalk south of Rechter Road. The Sidewalk Committee is recommending that the remaining costs for this project be paid through the Alternative Transportation Funds.

Cost: \$27,000 for labor (from ATF), and approximately \$18,096 for materials (provided by Wininger/Stolberg)

Queens Way from Montclair Avenue to Chelsey Court (south side) Queens Way is directly east of the single eastern vehicular access to the Renwick PUD. The developer will install a sidewalk on the south side of Queens Way from the new development to Monclair Avenue. The Committee requested estimates for installing sidewalks the rest of the way to High Street (\$83,700) and is recommending money for the first block this year.

Cost: \$22,139

Projects Partially Funded in the Past, But Not Recommended for Funding in 2004

5th Street from Overhill to Deadend

This is part of a multi-year, multi-departmental initiative proposed by Councilmember Mayer in 2002 that would provide sidewalks and storm water infrastructure from the east end of 5th Street to Union. In 2002 the Council approved \$28,832 for a comprehensive study of the area. That study estimated the sidewalk component at about \$101,887 and the storm water component of this project at about \$200,000. This segment covers the very east end of the project which, as the down slope portion of the project, must be done first in order to handle the water flow created by the other phases of the project. Further progress on this project must await funding from the storm water utility.

Walnut Street from Bank One (Country Club/Winslow) to Pinewood Drive (West Side)

This is the first leg of a project proposed by Councilmember Sabbagh that could provide sidewalks along the west side of Walnut Street from Country Club/Winslow to Gordon Pike/Rhorer Road. He promoted this project after seeing pedestrians walk along the roadside on the way to and from the businesses at the intersection with Country Club/Winslow. This stretch of road also showed up as a high priority on the Pedshed Map. The Committee recommended allocating approximately \$63,427 in 2003 for the segment ending at Hoosier Street, even though it was below the estimate of \$104,354. The Public Works Department was able to save funds by using City Street Department crews to construct it and was able to extend the project to Pinewood Drive. No request came forward to continue the sidewalk further south this year.

Projects that were Discussed But Unfunded in the Past, and Remain Unfunded in 2004

South Rogers from Rockport Road to Country Club Drive

Shirley Evans wrote a letter to the Council in 2002 requesting that a sidewalk be constructed along this segment of South Rogers. Last year the Committee concluded that the \$1.4 million being put into sidewalks and side

paths along Rogers, Rockport, and Country Club was a sufficient investment in this part of the community and deferred action on this project. This year Councilmember Sturbaum revived interest in this segment and the HAND department agreed to pay for the design of an 8-foot side path along this portion of South Rogers. The side path would have some separation from the roadway but not include curbs, which would necessitate greater storm water improvements. Please note that the already scheduled upgrade of the Rogers Street & Country Club Drive intersection will include the installation of side paths for 500 feet along the intersecting roadways.

New Projects Not Recommended for Funding in 2004

11th Street from Illinois to Vernal Pike (North side)

Nancy Brinegar, Bloomington Township Trustee, submitted this request through the Public Works Department. The project would link Crestmont housing complex with the township offices and was estimated at a cost of approximately \$151,290. The City is intending to do this project without use of Alternative Transportation Funds. In that regard, the design work will be done in-house and the Public Works Department will find the funds to construct the project in 2005.

Henderson Street from Maxwell Lane to Hillside Drive (west side)

Councilmember Sabbagh requested funding for this project. The total cost was estimated at \$273,000 and could be done in six phases. Committee members found the presence of a sidewalk on the east side of the street for the entire length of the project a good reason to look at more pressing proposals.